

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

Because I am elderly, I am one of the consumers that does have a prepaid cellular phone for use only when I have car trouble or need help in case of a medical emergency. As far as home phone long distance is concerned, I rarely make a long distance call because, on my limited retirement, I cannot afford to do so. However, I do have a daughter that lives out of town and I want to be able to reach her in case of emergency. The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal will require that I give up my long-distance service from my home phone--and to add insult to injury, my cell phone doesn't work in the area that I live as there are too many hills and trees in the way blocking the signal. This means that I will no longer be able to communicate with her.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

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